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Mr. Tom McCabe

Dear Mr. McCabe:

Thank you very much for your letter of 4 June.

It is particularly gratifying to get your generous comments and I appreciate your courtesy in writing to me as you did.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Handwritten:

P. S.: I was deeply touched by what you said
in your letter. A. W. D.

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JUNE 4, 1961

DEAR MR. DULLES:

NOT BEING A LETTER WRITER OF HABIT, I DO FIND IT NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS TO YOU IN THIS MANNER FOR YOUR MANY EXCELLENT YEARS OF SERVICE TO AMERICA AND THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD. WHILE MANY MILLIONS SHARE MY RESPECT AND ADMIRATION FOR YOU SIR, TOO FEW MAY TAKE THE TIME TO LET IT BE KNOWN.

IN FACT HEREIN LIES THE TROUBLE IN OUR COUNTRY. THERE ARE TOO GOD DAMN MANY MEALY-MOUTHED SELF APPOINTED "CRITICS AND EXPERTS" NOT ONLY IN THE NEWS MEDIA BUT WITHIN CONGRESS. EVERYTHING IS TAKEN FOR GRANTED AND IT SEEMS ONLY ONE AGENCY IS SUPPOSED TO BE FLAWLESS AND WITHOUT FAULT — CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE. WHILE ACTUALLY THIS AGENCY, AS COMMON SENSE WOULD JUDGE, SHOULD BE THE ONLY ONE ALLOWED SOME MARGIN OF ERROR TO FULLY OPERATE ESPECIALLY UNDER TODAY'S WORLD CONDITIONS. IF THERE IS GOING TO BE SCAPE-GOATS FOR ANY

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PIN THE HORNS ON CERTAIN HARVARD "ADVISORS" AND
THEIR ADVISORS IN THE CAMPUS BULLPEN.

AND TIME TOO WILL RECORD THE
DISTINGUISHED AND UNFAILING SERVICE OF TWO REAL
AMERICANS JOHN FOSTER AND ALLEN DULLES. YOUR
MANY, MANY YEARS OF FINE WORK IN THE MOST DIFFICULT
JOB OF ALL, BEFORE AND SINCE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
WAS FORMED, SEEMS TO STAND AT THIS MOMENT IN
THE BACK-GROUND. BUT NOT TO ME, NOT BY A DAMN
SITE AND MY OPINION HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN TO
MANNSFIELD, METCALF AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF
THIS AREA IN WASHINGTON

IN CLOSING I WOULD ASK THAT YOU
PLEASE REMAIN AT YOUR POST. WE COULD NEVER
AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR VALUABLE EXPERIENCE AND
LEADERSHIP IN TIMES LIKE THESE UNDER ANY CIRCUM-
STANCES.

MR. DULLES, THANK YOU SIR VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY.
CONTINUED SUCCESS AND GOOD HEALTH ALWAYS.

SINCERELY,
Tom McCabe

TOM MCCABE